

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED AS OF 7/2/15 REGARDING:**

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
CITY OF EL MONTE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT JUNE 2015**

Q – Will there be a pre-bid meeting?

A – No.

Q – Is there a plan holders list?

A – There is no official plan holders list. However, the project is listed on EBid Board and there are some prospective bidders listed on that website.

Q - Section 5.2 states all pertinent data for the meter exchange shall be collected electronically using hand held computers in the field. Will the City provide the hand held computer units to compile the data for the meters to be exchanged?

A – No. It is up to the installer to provide the capability to collect the data.

Q - Is there a special software needed to upload the electronic data into the billing system?

A – No.

Q - Will the City provide new meter boxes and lids to replaced ones found damaged prior to starting the work?

A – Yes.

Q - Are the existing meters radio read?

A – No.

Q - Can the City provide a list of the critical services?

A – The following is not guaranteed to be a complete list:

			<b>Facility</b>	<b>Address</b>
			Police Department	11333 Valley Boulevard
			City Hall	11333 Valley Boulevard
			Public Works Maintenance	3990 Arden Drive
			Aquatic Center	Tyler Avenue
			Community Ctr/GTB Aud.	3130 Tyler
			El Monte City Library	3224 Tyler
			Norwood Library	4550 Peck Road
			City Transportation Center	Cypress Street

			Fire Station 166	3615 Santa Anita
			Fire Station 167	11567 Bryant Road
			Fire Station 168	3207 Cogswell
			Fire Station 169	5112 North Peck

Q - Are there any meters that should be exchanged at night or during the early morning to minimize disruption of service during normal business hours?

A – We anticipate there will be some. Section 4.1 of the NIB states “All meter service activity requiring in person notification will have an appointment made at the convenience of the water service customer. Contractor will operate on a twenty four (24) hour a day, seven (7) day a week basis, if required, to facilitate water customer needs. Special attention will be given to critical services, regardless of line size, based upon requests from El Monte personnel.”

Q - How will equipment be charged if we need to dig in the street and sidewalk area to replace the entire water service?

A – Section 6.2 of the NIB reads “Any Non-Standard installation work will be approved by El Monte prior to proceeding and El Monte will be given the option of performing the work themselves. *Non-Standard Work is not anticipated for El Monte’s Meter Change out Program.*”

If equipment use by the installer is deemed necessary, the charge would be negotiated with El Monte prior to the start of the non-standard work.

Q - Does Bid Item No. 9 pay for labor cost only and equipment cost are not included?

A – Yes. Equipment charges would be negotiated before the start of the work (see above).

Q - Why is there no reference to the Greenbook, the Standard Specification for Public Works Construction?

A – A meter change out program is not considered a typical “construction” project for which the Greenbook would be the most applicable document.

Q - Are we to use the rates in Bid Items No. 9 and 10 for Non-Standard Installation instead of charging Time and Material for Changes in Work and Changed Conditions per Section 3 of the Greenbook?

A – Yes.

Q – Are the meters to be replaced only within the City of El Monte’s Water Department service area?

A – Yes.